RATIO OF TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING STAFF IN REGIONAL ENGINEERING COLLEGES

2816. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ratio of teaching and non-teaching staff, teaching staff and students and total staff to students in Regional Engineering college, Srinagar is much higher than the ration in other Regional Engineering Colleges;

(b) whether the Regional Engineering College, Srinagar did not invest the GPF/CPF receipts between Rs.0/42 crore and Rs.1.61 crore in long term deposits during 1995-2000, which resulted in loss of interest of Rs.54 lakh;

(c) if so, the reasons for the both; and

(d) the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE (DR (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, sir. The ratio of teaching & non-teaching staff, teaching staff & students and total staff to the students is higher in comparison to similar ratio in other Regional Engineering Colleges in the country.

(b) to (d) Yes, sir. The Regional Engineering College, Srinagar did not invest the amount under long term deposit due to resources constraint from time to time. The Regional Engineering College, Srinagar has been advised to get the matter inquired into and take all possible corrective measure to check the recurrence of the lapse.

RANKING OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES

2817. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a recent survey of Asian Universities, conducted by Asia week, a Hong Kong based, English weekly;

(b) whether Government are also aware that not a single Indian University figures among the first twenty universities in the list, except for JNU, which was ranked above fifty in the Asian region;